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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, the Applicants request that the Patent Office consider the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for an extension of time (two months) and requisite fee are attached herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph at lines 8-13 with the paragraph shown below. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1), a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph is attached (Appendix A).

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent

Application No. 09/603,830, filed June 26, 2000 (now U.S. Patent

No. 6,506,564), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent

Application No. 09/344,667, filed June 25, 1999 (now U.S. Patent

No. 6,361,944), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent

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